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## Tout plein de choses à dire

PASCAL OUMET - III LCB

8 heures AM lundi. Pendant que tous  
dorment, mon cours débute. 8 heures AM  
lundi. 8 heures. 8.

J'en suis à ma troisième année entre  
ces murs. J'ai perdu la moitié de mes  
cheveux et la plupart de mes amis. Je  
connais les employés de la bibliothèque par  
leurs prénoms. À la cafétéria, puisque je  
suis privilégié, on me donne un muffin  
gratuit après en avoir acheté 5.

On me demande comment  
fonctionne Soquij et je réponds "...rep". On  
me demande ce que je veux faire de ma vie  
et je réponds "..."

J'utilise encore mon livre de  
*common law property*, mais maintenant  
comme marteau. Je remplis un camion  
de recyclage à la fin de chaque session  
avec mes *casebooks* et photocopies.

Je parle français, je parle anglais, je  
parle en ne bougeant ni les mains, ni les  
pieds, dos bien droit en réfléchissant avant  
de répondre (et une gorgée d'eau de temps  
en temps).

Je deviens interviewé professionnel  
- j'ai réponse à tout, je fais le beau. Je  
développe mon esprit critique - tout est  
discutable, rien n'est certain. Pas même  
l'existence du Tigre Esso.

J'écris un article. Trop court vous  
me direz. Vous aurez peut-être raison mais  
peut-être pas.

## Transitional Measures and the New Programme

MARIE-CLAIRE LEMAN & ALEXANDRA  
BOIVIN

Most of you are well aware by now that  
September 1999 brings with it the  
implementation of a New Programme. The  
effects of this change will be felt by all and  
this is why transitional measures have been  
adopted by Faculty Council. This article is  
meant to inform you of the motions that have  
been passed and tell you how they affect your  
programme requirements. It is also meant to  
tell you about the proposals that have been  
tabled concerning the creation of minors,  
majors and honours programmes in the  
coming year. New courses, new opportunities  
and credit reduction for students currently  
enrolled in the National Programme

### A) 6 CREDIT ESSAYS AND 12 NON-LAW CREDITS

As early as the summer 1999 semester,  
current students will have the possibility of  
registering for a 6 credit essay. Students will  
also be allowed to register for up to 12 non-  
law credits, with a maximum of 6 such credits  
in any term. Moreover, students will be  
permitted to pursue non-law credits after two  
terms in the Faculty - rather than three as  
presently stipulated in the rules and  
regulations.

### B) 6 CREDIT HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNSHIPS

The LSA proposed that the new 6-  
credit Human Rights Internship also be  
available to students as of this summer.  
However, given that the interns have already

been selected for this summer and that the  
new programme for internships still requires  
structuring and considerably more  
supervision than is available at the present  
moment, the motion passed states that  
current students will be eligible for 6 credit  
Human Rights Internship as soon as the  
conditions and structures of supervision  
have been established by the faculty, after  
September 1999 and no later than May 2000.

### C) CREDITS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MCGILL LAW JOURNAL

In the New Programme, credit  
allocation for participation on the McGill  
Law Journal editorial board has been  
increased by 2 credits for each year. This  
increase will apply to current students  
beginning with the Junior Board in the  
academic year 1999-2000. The LSA was in  
favour of this but had a concern regarding  
those students currently on the junior board  
as they would be working side by side next  
year with students receiving more credits for  
the same work being accomplished. The  
general consensus around the table was that  
indeed, to ensure internal equity between the  
boards (senior and junior) an extra credit  
should be allocated to each member of the  
1999-2000 senior board. This transitional  
measure ensures that students working side  
by side receive equivalent credit allocation  
for their work. The difficulty in rendering this  
possible was administrative. Faculty Council  
adopted a motion to work towards obtaining



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# Ask Heloise

BY SPECIAL GUEST WRITER NICOLE,  
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ALUMNIST (RECENT)

Dear Heloise,

I've just accepted an articling position with a prominent Montreal Law Firm. The problem is that by very recently ex-boyfriend has accepted the same offer. I'm not sure if I can stand working in the same offices as him. How should I handle this?

ANXIOUS ARTICLER

Dear Anxious Articler,

Sleep with his mentor (Oh no I'm not making the relatively safe assumption that his mentor is male; you, rash reader, are making the quite dubious assumption that everyone is as bound to humdrum heterosexual blinders as you are.)

And now, my twinkly-tasting tortsters, Heloise has a rather plus-sized bone to pick. I've just surfaced in the tequila sunrise of post-stage interview period and I'm more than just a little wrinkle weary of the whole process. I had been cheerfully snuggling into the chloroform comfort of the thought that I might be able to avoid the bar school battle this year. Nicole wasn't all that bad and she had managed to flirt her narrow ass into a fairly favourable spot with my dry cleaner. What more could I ask for?

Unfortunately I happened to push my peepers through your little pre-school paper a few weeks ago and was shocked to find that the lonely little lady MacBeth had dared pen off some advice, and I use the term as loosely as linguistically possible, in my column. I'm afraid that naive Nicole was out on her ass quicker than she could spell pink-slip (you see - I did allow her two weeks notice). Insufficient grounds for dismissal, you charge? Did you read the column? That button eyed beauty was about as bright as a Romanian light bulb.

In any case, you soft-shelled solicitors, I've just completed a meet and greet marathon. What cleaner-than-thou cookie-cutter do you all spring from? Do you share suits? If I have to sit across from another ultramarine-blue shirted poli-sci cum national

programme wine connoisseur I'm going start using my oyster knife for shucking a whole different sort of bottom dweller. No thank you, I can't stomach another compliment quiche. I'm all plugged up with Platitude soup and sycophantic sauté. Note on life in general: Never trust a profession which sets aside three weeks to concentrate on the life experiences of pimple popping bookworms because they are the best shot at a promising institutional future. I've seen more professional promise in a petrie dish, or even a group of investment bankers.

Nor is it all your fault. I still have a callus from last week's back-patting convention. All in all, I have rarely...

We apologize for the interruption. It is our sad duty to report that before this column could be finished, Heloise Davenport, McGill National Programme Alumnist, cupid of common law, sylph of civilian love, passed away. It is our current understanding that she passed peacefully,

slumped over her desk, her brain fried by a sudden surge of toxic shock from a hidden liquid paper-sniffing addiction. The truth will always out, we guess.

Heloise was a friend of ours, and we truly believed that her effort to give back to McGill Law in her final days was, well, a really cheap way to avoid donating to the Dean's Millennium Fund while simultaneously getting nit-picky do-gooders off her back. In her last will and testament, she asked that we continue her column, but, alas, Awi is graduating and Patrick is one of those sad examples of an illiterate who slipped through the system. Besides, we could never recreate Heloise's warmth, love, and generosity.

We aren't that bitter.

Sincerely (and we use that term loosely),

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# The New Dean, the LSA and Priorities

VICTOR CONSTANTINESCU - BCL II

Originally, I meant for this article to be a response to the LSA's submission to the Dean Selection Committee (in the March 1st edition of the Quid). Since I didn't get around to it, I figure that with the recent election of the incoming LSA executive for 1999-2000, this is as good a time as any to issue an SOS appeal. The Faculty needs help, and it's time that the LSA gets its priorities straight.

To put it bluntly, I think that the LSA's submission stinks. I don't know who was in the consulting process on this one, but it clearly misses the boat on several matters that require the urgent attention of the next dean of this Faculty.

The LSA seems to have only one overriding concern — to promote Aequity@ in the Faculty through professorial appointments. Equity seems to be a catch-all phrase that represents the ultimate cure for whatever ailment that plagues our Faculty. By the tone of the submission, it seems that as long as we promote Aequity@ (and perhaps, by extension, any other politically correct fad that is in vogue), we can all Afeel good@ with, and about, one another and the Faculty will live happily ever after. How nice.

How can I possibly be against such an unassailable concept such as equity, you may ask? Easy — I think its use is a limited one. It's incredible how Canadian law faculties seem to be struggling with these issues only now, while our American counterparts were experimenting with them decades ago — only to recently have second doubts about its effectiveness. American universities seem to be realizing that relaxed admissions and hiring standards based on criteria other than academic merit create a crippling stigma that attaches to those who benefit from them for the rest of his or her academic and professional career. Anyhow, criticizing equity is not the real point of this article — highlighting more pressing concerns is.

The real issue in our Faculty is the need to find top-notch professors with outstanding *academic and teaching* qualifications (and if they happen to be female or a member of a visible minority, then all the better). Hiring academic staff on any other basis is the greatest disservice that can possibly be inflicted on the student body as a whole. The new dean

and the LSA should be at the forefront of trying to locate and lure highly-qualified professors. The Faculty also needs to keep a lid on the exodus of qualified professors from within the walls of Chancellor Day Hall.

The changing composition of the Faculty, coupled with the new curriculum, will result in major changes in the types of courses offered here. While the spirit of the changes may be admirable, the departure of professors leaves the Faculty scrambling to fill and maintain adequate courses by professors and practitioners perhaps not suited to teach them (and perhaps not suited to teach anything at this, or any other, faculty). Maintaining excellent course offerings, taught by competent teachers, is a top priority.

Moreover, while the new law library is an impressive and long-awaited addition to the Faculty, I think many people can't help but notice that the collections aren't up to par. For a Faculty that purports that to be one of Canada's finest, its library holdings certainly aren't indicative of it. This, too, requires ongoing attention.

What can be done to address these concerns? Clearly, the cynical answer is money, but the problem is how to get it. And that leads me to what I believe must be a central characteristic of the new dean of this Faculty, and something that the LSA should support. That is the ability to fundraise. Dean Toope did wonders in spearheading the effort to build the new library. Now, one of the key priorities is to bring in money in the form of endowed professorships — a

concept that, quite surprisingly, few students know anything about. An endowed chair essentially occurs when a major donation is made to a professorial post — the proceeds or interest from which generates an attractive salary. To no surprise, the elite U.S. law schools are chock full of such chairs. No wonder they have, and can keep, the best professors. Unless McGill Law makes a sustained effort to solicit such donations that provide salaries capable of attracting and keeping top-notch talent, the Faculty will always be hopelessly outclassed by elite American schools.

Perhaps it is a sad reflection of our education system that fundraising must consume so much of our professors' energies. But that's reality and the situation is not going to change soon. While it is difficult to raise money, it is by no means impossible. And it is certainly no excuse for saying that we don't have the money to attract faculty based on academic and teaching merit, so we might as well look for other criteria that won't break the faculty's budget. To this extent, the new dean should preferably have strong links with the business community and have a personality capable of instilling confidence in potential donors. Dynamism and a proven track record should do the trick. The dean should also have the full support of the LSA in such an endeavour.

Better professors, better courses, better resources. These are the top priorities of the new Dean. They should be the top priorities of the LSA as well.



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# Je Vous Invite Tous...

TONY HOFFMANN - LLB I

Depuis un bon bout de temps je complète un petit sondage de la faculte, et il me semble que j'ai finalement decouvert quelque chose d'interessant. Etant donné que ce n'est pas un sujet qui voit le jour très souvent, il fallait absolument que je prenne la parole, parce que sinon moi, qui d'autre? Mais bon. Le sujet est l'effet des milieux sociaux sur la dynamique des relations a la faculté. Je me suis rendu compte récemment (en fait, quelqu'un me l'a dit, mais ce fait n'a aucune importance ;-)) que nos origines ont, malgré nos meilleurs efforts, une énorme influence sur la façon dont nous réagissons face à d'autres individus. C'est à dire que le fait que, par exemple, quelqu'un soit issu d'une famille riche a comme consequence que cette personne a un point de vue different que quelqu'un provenant d'ailleurs. Je ne veux surtout pas juger ces differences (en fait, si je tentais de le faire, vous auriez une bonne raison de me traiter de "couillon de base"), mais la réalité est que, encore en guise d'exemple, les Ontarien(ne)s pensent et réagissent d'une façon entièrement différente que ceux (et celles) qui viennent d'Abitibi ou de Chicoutimi. Forcément, notre milieu social, et l'environnement dans lequel on a

grandi, exercent une influence sur notre objectivité.

Mais – et c'est un grand mais – même si je me trouve interdit de critiquer et juger ces milieux sociaux en eux mêmes, je peux absolument critiquer les conséquences de ces différences dans le domaine des relations entre les gens. Je crois que le coeur du probleme est qu'il y a des gens (et pour vous prevenir, ceci est une generalisation assez floue) qui n'ont pas suffisamment de respect pour les autres pour leur accorder le benefice du doute. Même si parfois – et c'est une de mes caracteristiques que je suis prêt à admettre – je donne l'impression d'être intolérant et "raleur", je suis, au fond, très patient et tolérant à première vue. Un peu comme tout le monde, en fait – j'ai une "coquille", un mur, qui se présente desfois de manière assez pointue vers le monde, mais derrière cela, il y a un coeur doré. Pour ceux d'entre vous qui ont des doutes (et je ne vous reproche surtout pas cela...après tout, j'étais l'avocat du diable...) je vous defie de me parler! Comme on dit en anglais, "My bark is [generally] worse than my bite" (Ceci dit, je peux mordre quand j'en ai besoin, ou envie, de mordre ;-).

Je me demande très souvent, et je ne peux que supposer que je ne suis pas le seul,

si je me suis fait comprendre par mes collègues et mes connaissances. Est ce que les gens ont une mauvaise impression de moi, ou est ce que je ne suis que paranoïaque. Et surtout, quand j'entend qu'on me prends pour quelqu'un de très très severe, intense, et pas du tout sociable, cela me fait de la peine, parce que c'est pas le cas. Par contre, je ne changerai pas qui je suis pour plaire aux gens – ceci est sûr. La leçon, chers lecteurs, est qu'il faut pas avoir des préjugés sur les gens. Je ne me pardonne pas – moi aussi je suis coupable de ce crime, et par consequent, je suis sûr qu'il y a des gens à coté de qui je suis passé que j'ai ratés à cause de cette faiblesse. Mais bon, en ayant reconnu cela en moi même, je vais me coucher moins "niaiseux" ce soir. Il ne faut absolument pas que j'oublie que les gens que je repousse aujourd'hui, par faute autant que par "dessien", seront ceux avec qui je vais travailler toute ma carrière.

Alors, si vous trouvez que je me présente comme un "snob", ou que je pêche en jugeant les gens avant de les connaître, je vous invite à me le "rejeter à la figure", parce qu'à ce stade, je mérite cela. Ok? Oh, et finalement, il faut que vous me pardonniez ma grammaire et mon orthographe – Il y a longtemps que je tente d'écrire quelque chose de compréhensible en français. ;-)

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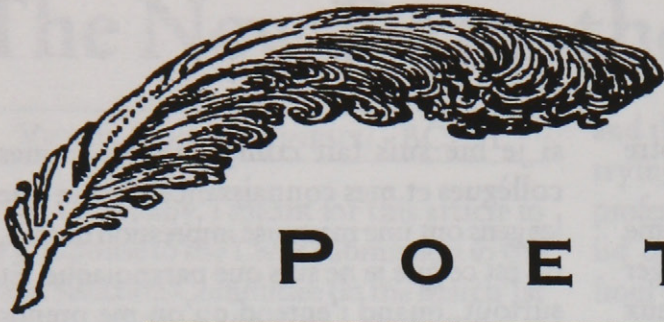
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# P O E T R Y C O R N E R

## Fish scale polliwog

BRENT OLTHIUS - LLB II

Fish scale polliwog, buggering rapscaillon  
Tallor Cranston talking backwards, zodiac medallion  
Rat's ass passing gas, God is an Italian  
Mister Sister gender twister, egg-white Spanish galleon

Large living, care giving, drinking like old Bacchus  
Fighting suitors, engaging tutors, call him Telemachus  
Panties down, gander up, Kitty Dukakis  
Hubby helmeted in tank, aiming to attack us

Gravy train peace of mind, karma, kismet, free  
Soar, repose, take a dose, sleep, dream, key  
Walkabout, jump around, sit down, decree  
Revolution sidewalk sale, merchants flee

This land is your land, Tuktoyaktuk to Penn Station  
And the stench stinks on, bubbling with creation  
Libation sensation, wine is emancipation  
Does the legal groove unite the funky nation?

Eating a Chiquita, singing "Me Say Day-O"  
Flipping on the tube to look for Sal Mineo  
Instead get 9-0-2-1-punks driving down Rodeo  
Interspersed with Hamburgler, eating Fish, Filet o'

Interrogation Mind-Numb Church, always in denial  
Condemned to Purgatory, to soak in self's own bile  
But Kami Kami Chameleon, 1999 in style  
With Chairman Mao teaching what it means to be "virile"

Rin-Tin-Tin and Siss Boom Bah  
Kissing underneath the stairs, oh the crows do caw  
Rye bread scour pad, rubbing ears raw  
Rub dub dub, yum yum yum, ticka-tee-tee-tah



# The end of the road

## A fond recap of a Skit Nite Now Past

AWI SINHA, SKIT NITE CO-CHAIR

Now that the 1999 Skit Nite is over, I have time to sit back and reflect on the whole event. It was an emotional roller-coaster ride, no doubt, but filled with fond memories. Here is a behind the scenes look at some of the friends and folks to whom I send major shout-outs. Keep in mind that since my Skit Nite responsibilities have ended, I have been on a rather strenuous alcohol and drug regimen in order to keep my mind limber for upcoming exam vigilance, and for writing this piece.

My partner in crime, Co-Chair Maya Prabhu, is an evil woman, as wicked and sinister as she is beautiful. But in all seriousness, Maya is without a doubt an evil woman, as beautiful as she is wicked and sinister. She ran the show with the ruthless efficiency of a tinpot dictator who sees the power and control she has been handed and determines that she will exploit it for every ounce of self-gratifying excess. Her Aallergy" to alcohol kept her sober and lucid enough to con her way out of puke patrol at every Skit Nite event. Wily temptress.

Our social director, Yasemin Heinbecker is an insomniac speed freak who keeps planning more and more grandiose galas in order to hide her debilitating junkie habits. Think about it; the more feverish silver-and-black-light partiers there are, the less likely that people will notice that she is transforming into some bizarre law version of Janis Joplin.

Cheryl Plambeck, the musical director, is a star-struck diva who wore feather boas and high-heel Jimson pumps to every meeting, and demanded that we sing all of our committee recommendations onto the record. She suckered the band into cutting a tape Ajust for fun"; she then sold it to David Geffen and pocketed all the royalties. This led Paul Sereganian, our drummer, to comment, AWe got ripped off more than the Rolling Stones in the >70s."

Kerry is certifiably nuts. Her choreography is a kind of California-new-age self therapy to calm her nerves in this topsy turvy world. That and the frequent

margarita. I haven't seen that much sexual energy in Skit Nite dance routines since Debbie Allen did that exchange year here in >83.

A really fun aspect of Skit Nite is fundraising, and our chair, Steph Taylor, made it a painless endeavor. She would spend hours on the phone screaming at senior partners of law firms until they gave us as much moola as we needed to pad the slush fund. I was walking past the LSA office one day when I heard her bellowing into the receiver, AThree hundred, you miserable creton?! Let's make it an even five hundred; consider the extra two C-notes as a donation

to your children's healthy futures, get me?" Shady.

Once the money started rolling in, it was handled efficiently by Matt Arnold, our penny-pinching sleazeball of a treasurer. He slept with all the money hidden under his pillow and a loaded .45 magnum tucked away at the foot of the futon. He's a dangerous guy, so I never brought up how convenient it was that he jetted to the Dominican Republic with his woman for reading week, just days after the sponsorship cash started rolling in.

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## Law students caught with their pants down!

ERIC WARD, LLB I

At the outset I wish to make clear that I do not support the vandalism of the urinal advertisements. If there is anything uglier than a Molson ad above a urinal it is a *defaced* Molson ad above a urinal. That said, I resent the presence of these billboards. They are invasive. If advertisers are so desperate to reach students, I know of a few good intramural teams or faculty events that they could sponsor.

I do not mind commercial advertising in the appropriate media. It pays for our (increasingly overlapping) news and entertainment. So long as they do not dictate editorial content, the ads are tolerable. If I watch a network TV program, I must accept that it is brought to me by Pepsi, Huggies diapers, McCain pizza-pockets or some other miracle of civilization. I don't make irate calls to the stations. The dumb ads are part of the package. But the urinal ads are not merely an annoying but expected part of the law school package (I have refrained from protesting mid-March library assignments). The ads represent a coercive marketing technique.

When I go into a university bathroom, I am not consenting to marketing I am in

the bathroom out of necessity – sometimes even under duress... ok, maybe not duress in the legal sense but it *feels* like duress. Unless one has super-human bladder control (and what would that super-hero be called?) the advertising is unavoidable.

As a general principle, advertising should be tolerated only where the target audience has at least minimally consented to viewing it. It should not intrude where the viewer has no choice. The university would not allow a Volkswagen representative to hand out pamphlets, sing jingles or solicit sales in the bathroom. I hope that the university would not allow flat-screen televisions to be installed in the toilet stalls. The urinal ad is a similar intrusion.

It may be that some people enjoy these urinal ads – certainly it is hard to tire of the soaring intelligence and sparkling humor evident in some of the posters. Of course, the time that one spends in front of the urinal is not particularly amenable to an aesthetic *frisson* or wrenching belly laugh. All the same, I propose the following compromise: a sliding cover should be mounted over each frame so that those who so desire can be informed of their consumer choices while they pass liquid. The rest of could choose to go in peace.



## Skit Nite Recap

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Of course, Matt's behaviour was nothing compared to Marc Bissel and Adrian Montgomery, who ran the silent auction. These guys got such great prizes from unnamed sources that the most generous listed donor is "Anonymous". They have more mob ties than John Gotti's tailor.

Our technical worries were well handled by our production manager, Tony Hoffmann. His handling of all the sound, light, and stage issues is even more remarkable when you consider that he has multiple personality disorder and doctors give him only 3 minutes left to live. What a trooper.

The night of the show went off like a dream, thanks in no small part to Leanne Bourassa, who handled the ever-changing sets and actors on stage with wit, diplomacy, and healthy doses of physical violence. She never told anyone to "Abreak a leg" - rather, she implemented the catch-phrase, never leaving us in doubt of who was boss.

Finally, a word about our chorus and dancers, the heart of the show. They were a wealth of energy and talent on stage. Off stage, of course, they consistently demanded more money and private dressing rooms. There were massive Hollywood-style coke orgies in the atrium during the "joint rehearsals" (which Mr. Hoffmann curiously insisted on attending), and they wrecked over fourteen hotel rooms in the Montreal area. God bless them.

Of course, they were aided in their cause by the Hitchhiker's Cast: Labrom, Khamsi, Carsley and Dantowitz. With my deepest gratitude for their acting prowess, I can honestly say that they are the flakiest prima donnas ever known to human kind. The show started fifteen minutes late because Labrom was drunk in his trailer, throwing whiskey bottles at his handlers, demanding to know his "Amotivation". Ah, show biz.

Once again, to everyone involved, thank you so much for all your help, from everyone who volunteered at the Coffee House to everyone who did a skit, you guys did a great service to local charities and the tradition of McGill law spirit. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Stop calling me.

## LA REVUE QUÉBÉCOISE DE DROIT INTERNATIONAL

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Outil de référence juridique et scientifique indispensable, la *Revue québécoise de droit international* offre à son lectorat une analyse critique des plus récentes publications en droit international et provenant de maisons d'éditions réputées d'ici et d'ailleurs.

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Therefore, the *RQDI* invites all law students, graduate students, teachers and lawyers who are interested in international law to write books reviews. The books have been chosen from well-known Publishing Houses. Soumises à un processus d'évaluation scientifique, ces recensions pourront faire l'objet d'une publication dans nos prochains volumes.

Pour avoir la liste des livres disponibles correspondant à vos champs d'intérêts, communiquez avec Yann Evima-Vouma au (514) 987-3000 poste 8315 ou par courrier électronique à **RQDI@UQAM.CA**.



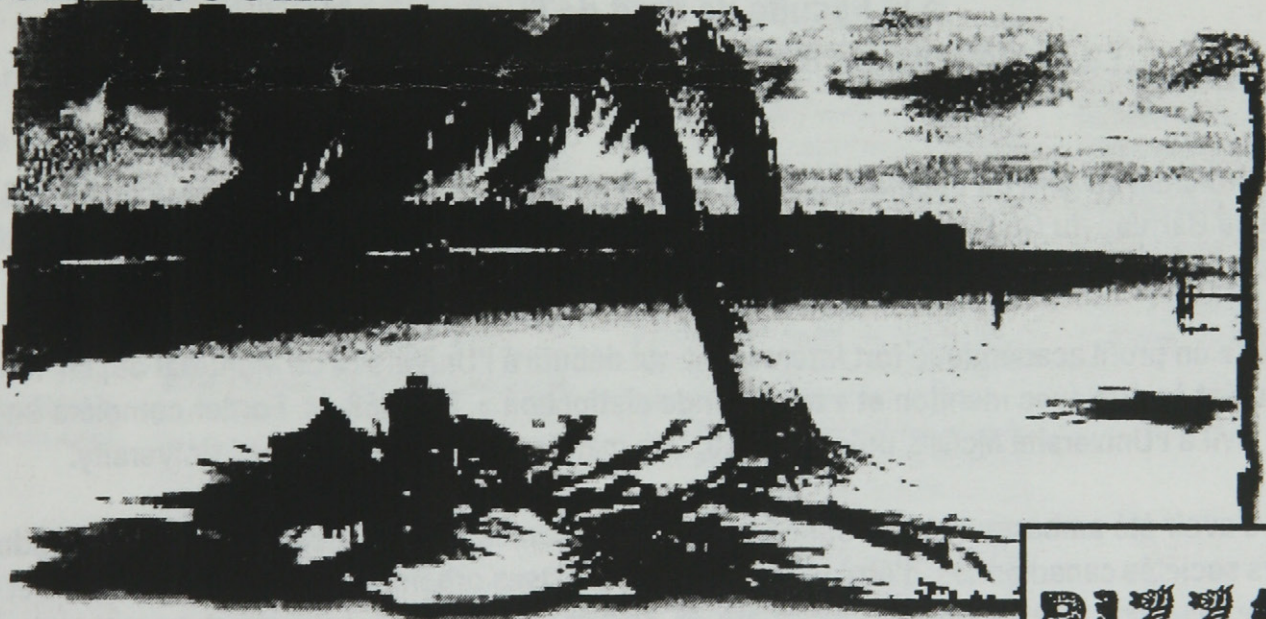
# The McGill Law Journal

## COFFEE HOUSE

### La Revue de droit de McGill

Come celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning  
of the summer sipping our famous *Long Island Iced Tea*  
and our variety of (Molson) beer.

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**8 Avril - Le Dernier Coffee House!!!**

**April 8 - The Last Coffee House!!!**

Si vous songez à vous joindre à la Revue de droit de McGill ou voulez tout  
simplement obtenir de l'information, ce sera l'endroit idéal.



# **Revue Québécoise de droit internationale**

Dans le cadre de sa relance,  
la Revue québécoise de droit international,  
en collaboration avec  
la Société québécoise de droit international,  
l'Université du Québec à Montréal, l'Université de Montréal et l'Université McGill  
est fière de vous convier à une conférence donnée par

Me L. Yves Fortier

le 8 avril prochain à 17h30,  
à la Faculté de droit de l'Université McGill.  
La conférence de Me Fortier s'intitulera «Arbitrage et diplomatie».

Associé principal au sein du cabinet Ogilvy Renault à Montréal, dont il est Président depuis 1992, M. Fortier est membre du Barreau du Québec depuis 1961. Depuis janvier 1998, M. Fortier est également président de la Cour d'arbitrage international de Londres (LCIA).

M. Fortier a un profil académique fort intéressant qui débuta à l'Université de Montréal où, en 1955, il obtenu un baccalauréat ès arts avec mention et « très grande distinction ». En 1958, M. Fortier compléta un baccalauréat en droit civil à l'Université McGill, puis, en 1960, une maîtrise en droit à la Oxford University.

En plus d'avoir été ambassadeur du Canada aux Nations-Unies, d'avoir siégé aux conseils d'administration de plusieurs sociétés canadiennes, d'être membre de nombreuses organisations professionnelles et d'avoir obtenu d'innombrables prix tout au long de sa carrière, M. Fortier a acquis une réputation internationale à titre d'avocat plaideur de renommée ayant mené des causes célèbres devant les tribunaux de toutes les compétences au Canada de même que devant les tribunaux d'arbitrage nationaux et internationaux. Au delà de la plaidoirie, M. Fortier assume régulièrement le rôle d'arbitre dans des tribunaux d'arbitrage, notamment au sein du Tribunal international d'arbitrage de la Chambre de commerce internationale (Paris), de la Cour d'arbitrage international à Londres et de l'American Arbitration Association. Par ailleurs, il importe de souligner la présence de M. Fortier devant la Cour internationale de Justice de La Haye à titre de plaideur et de juge *ad hoc*.

La notoriété de Me L. Yves Fortier est acquise.

Nous vous attendons donc tous, en grand nombre, le 8 avril à 17h30.



# Career & Placement

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Or by appointment

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## STAGES 2000-2001 A MONTREAL

A ceux et celles qui n'ont pas obtenu de stage dans le cadre du recrutement qui vient de se terminer:

### REGLE #1:

Il y a 38 firmes signataires à l'Entente à Montréal.

Or il y a environ 600 maîtres de stages au Québec.

Donc les possibilités de trouver un stage au Québec sont immenses après ce recrutement.

### REGLE #2 :

Si vous avez eu une deuxième et dernière entrevue, rappelez la firme pour savoir pourquoi ils ne vous ont pas fait d'offre et réitérer votre intérêt pour leur firme, avant de jeter la serviette.

### REGLE #3:

Après avoir parlé à vos firmes-intervieweurs, il faut commencer le networking. Venez au Service de Placement chercher l'information pour débiter votre recherche. Pas de panique: on cherche pour le printemps de l'année 2001!

### REGLE #4:

Rappelez-vous que les petits et moyens bureaux, les organisations gouvernementales ainsi que les contentieux d'entreprises font leur recrutement pour l'année en cours (et non 2 ans en avance). Ces stages sont affichés directement à l'École du Barreau au moment où vous y êtes. Plus de 150 stages y sont affichés annuellement.

### REGLE #5:

Il faut garder le moral. Je vous invite à venir me rencontrer pour discuter de votre démarche.

## INFO SESSION - ECOLE DU BARREAU DU QUEBEC

afin de répondre à vos questions concernant l'École et la formation offerte ainsi que vous donner l'information nécessaire pour compléter leur formulaire de demande d'admission pour l'année scolaire 1999-2000, présentement disponible à OUS.

Me Éric Vanchestein, directeur du Centre de Formation professionnelle de Montréal de l'École du Barreau sera heureux de vous rencontrer:

Mercredi 7 avril, Midi Trente (12h30), Salle 201.

## IF YOU DO THE ONTARIO MATCH THIS SUMMER: READ THIS

ARTICLING 2000-2001 IN TORONTO : READ THIS - READ THIS - READ THIS  
We would like to draw your attention to the following paragraph from LSUC recruitment procedure for Articling 2000-2001:

'Student participants in the recruitment process must comply with the Procedures and with the terms of the Agreement they make with the Law Society to participate in the Articling Student Matching Program. Deliberate circumvention of the Procedures or breach of the Agreement by students may result in an Admission Hearing to determine if the student meets the Good Character requirement of call to the bar and admission as a member of the Law Society. Participating in interviews after a position has been accepted, e.g., participating in the Match after a non-match offer has been accepted, violates the Procedures and may result in a complaint that would be investigated by the Law Society.'

## Articling Recruitment Procedures for firms located in Toronto (in short)

Student applications for interviews to be received by Friday, July 2, 1999.

The time and date of interviews shall not be communicate in any way until 8:00am on Friday, July 23, 1999.

Interviews shall not be conducted prior to 8:00am on Monday, August 16, 1999.

In scheduling their interviews, students are to allow at least one hour-and-a-half on the premises of the interviewing firm.

No communication of offers of employment shall be made by firms not participating in the matching program prior to 8:00am on Monday, August 16, 1999, and any such offers made must remain open until noon on Monday, August 13, 1999.

Ontario Articling Matching Program  
Students who wish to enroll in the LSUC Matching Program for Articling in 2000-2001 and interviews sessions this summer 1999, should submit as soon as possible a REQUEST FOR STUDENT AGREEMENT PACKAGE to register in the matching program either by obtaining the request form from the Placement Office, or by contacting the National Matching Services on their website: [www.natmatch.com/ontart](http://www.natmatch.com/ontart)

## SUMMER POSITIONS

CAREER & PLACEMENT OFFICE is now recruiting a student for a second position for the summer. Contract of about 120 hours in May and June. Flexible hours, to be determined with the Director. Tasks: to complete the full update of the guide: Les carrières en droit international: le guide de l'étudiant. At the end of the contract, the publication will have to be fully ready to go to the printer. The successful applicant has good knowledge of Word, previous office work experience and has demonstrated interest for the international law market. Bilingualism. Remuneration in accordance with Faculty of Law policy. Please bring your cv to Francine Cholette, at the Placement Office, as soon as possible.

CANADIAN PACIFIC, Calgary office, has a summer position for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year law student to work under the supervision of CP's solicitor. To perform wide-range of legal research (corporate, securities & labour law issues) used both by the lawyers within the law dept as well as others CP depts. To work with the Solicitor to set a strategic plan to develop the Law Dept internal web site in a way that integrates your research and educates the corporation at large. Calgary based position. 2<sup>nd</sup> year completed. Strong information technology skills. Strong french is an asset. To apply: cv + marks to Roseann MacDonald, Senior Advisor, Human Resources, Canadian Pacific, 1700 Bankers Hall East, 855 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S.W., Calgary, AB T2P 4Z5. email: [hr@cp.ca](mailto:hr@cp.ca). See [www.cp.ca](http://www.cp.ca) for more info. Deadline: April 13.

PETER J. JAENSCH, P.A., Florida office. Position: Business Immigration Associate/Clerk. Starting Summer '99. To assist in developing and preparing Immigration cases for mostly European Business clients. Language: German (also consider French, Italian). License: Florida Bar preferred, but other State Bars acceptable to practice federal law. Could start at law

clerk. Please check: [www.visaamerica.com](http://www.visaamerica.com)

McGill emplois d'été <http://www.mcgill.ca/stuserv/caps>

ARTICLING POSITIONS FOR 2000-2001 GOWLINGS, Ottawa, is now accepting applications for 2000-2001. TO: Kenneth G. Evans, Suite 2600, 160 Elgin Street, Ottawa, ON K1P 1C3 Fax (613)563-9869. Interviews in May. Deadline: April 15.

SASKATCHEWAN JUSTICE currently accepts applications for 3 articling positions for 2000-2001. Résumé + transcripts of marks to: Ms Colleen Matthews, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General, Saskatchewan Justice, 1874 Scarth Street, Regina S4P 3V7. Fax: (306)787-3874. Email: [cmatthew@justice.gov.sk.ca](mailto:cmatthew@justice.gov.sk.ca) Brochure available to Placement Office. Deadline: May 7.

## CLERKSHIP

TAX COURT of Canada 2000-2001. To commence May 2000, located in Ottawa. Please be reminded that the deadline for applying is April 11, 1999. Those students with strong interest in, and an aptitude for Tax Law are encouraged to apply. Applications to be sent to: Alan Ritchie, Tax Court of Canada, Centennial Towers, 200 Kent Street, Ottawa K1A 0M1.



## Transitional measures...

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authorisation by the Senate for the creation of a new course number to which 1 credit would be associated and which would exist only for the up-coming academic year. Each student on the senior board next year would then be enrolled in that course as well as the existing course corresponding to their position on the board.

### D) NO RETROACTIVE EFFECT OF THE NEW PROGRAMME

A general motion was passed stating that the various elements of the new programme are not to have retroactive effect. For instance, students having done a Human Rights Internship for no credit prior to September 1999 cannot receive credits retroactively for this activity.

### E) DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND YES... YOU GOT IT... CREDIT REDUCTION

A general motion was passed concerning the fact that degree requirements under the new programme apply only to students who begin their studies in the first-year of the program in September 1999 or thereafter. However of concern to you are the following two motions:

First, while the list of complementary credits in civil law and common law remain the same for current students, for the purpose of degree auditing, when a course presently on each of the lists is replaced, after September 1999, by a transsystemic course, it may be counted to satisfy the complementary credit requirements in both civil and common law, without reducing the overall number of credits required for the obtaining of one or both degrees. Assume the following premise: you haven't taken family law yet; you take it next year in its new transsystemic format (value of 3 credits). The result for your degree requirements are the following: 1) you receive three credits for the course; 2) the number of credits you are required to take in the common law list of complementary courses is reduced by three credits; and 3) the number of credits you are required to take in the civil law list of complementary courses is reduced by three credits.

Second, a motion did in fact pass concerning credit reduction for students currently in first and second year of the National Programme. Current first and second year students who complete the National Programme and who successfully complete at least two courses, having a combined weight of at least six credits from a list of designated transsystemic courses, will see their program credit requirements reduced by three credits. Furthermore, current first year students who complete the National Program and who successfully complete at least three courses having a combined weight of at least nine credits from a list of designated transsystemic courses, will see their program credit requirements reduced by six credits.

### PROPOSALS CONCERNING UPPER-YEAR CURRICULAR REFORM IMPLEMENTATION

Here are three complementary proposals that have been tabled by the Curriculum Reform Committee for discussion and voting at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Faculty Council meeting. All of the proposals should be seen as compatible in principle with a transitional application to the National Program.

#### A) MINORS PROGRAMME: RECOGNISING MINORS OFFERED BY OTHER MCGILL UNIVERSITY FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS

Students would be given the opportunity to graduate from the Faculty Of Law with a Minor in another field of study. The criteria of eligibility would be that established by the concerned department and no credit counted towards the granting of the LLB-BCL, including non-law credits, would be counted for the purpose of the Minor. Upon graduation, students would be granted an LLB-BCL with a Minor in XYZ.

#### B) MAJORS PROGRAM: ENCOURAGING SKILL-SETS WITHIN A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

Students would be given the chance to graduate from the Faculty Of Law with a Majors designation. In order to do so, the student would have to 1) successfully

complete a number of law and non-law courses from an approved basket (within the 105 credits required for the LLB-BCL); 2) complete an extended internship with a designated organisation; and 3) write an essay that brings together the legal, practical and multidisciplinary dimensions of the program. The clinical experience and the essay would amount to an extra 18 credits. Upon graduation, students would be granted an LLB-BCL with a Major in XYZ.

The Majors Program is premised and articulated around the notion of synthetic "skill-sets" rather than "information baskets". The Committee feels that there should be a substantial range of choices available to the students in order to adequately reflect the diversity of interests within the Faculty. While the fields have not been confirmed, the following proposals are on the table for discussion: "Alternative Dispute Resolution", "Commercial Negotiation", "Enterprise Governance", "Family Counselling", "Fiscal Strategy", "Human Rights Advocacy", "International Development", "Land-Resource Management", "Public Welfare Administration", and "Trial and Appellate Practice"

#### C) HONOURS PROGRAM: OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXTENDED RESEARCH AND WRITING

In their third year, students would be allowed to register for the Honours Program by submitting a topic proposal for an essay to a willing supervisor within the Faculty. Over the course of a hypothetical fourth year, students enrolled in the Program would draft a thesis close in a scope to an LLM thesis (18 credits above and beyond the 105 credits required to graduate with an LLB-BCL). Topics do not have to fit within a pre-determined field, the Program is meant to remain general and wide in ambit.

*So there you have it. Fell free to contact us for more information:  
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